Extortion by terrorist oganisation in North-East

326. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist organisation in North-East are raising funds by extortion and are also getting assistance through various illegal channels;

(b) whether Government are also aware that some of the funds being received are being deposited in various foreign accounts through illegal channels;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps that are being taken by Government to curb these illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Government is aware of terrorist organisations in North-East who indulge in extortion and are getting assistance through various channels. Some of them have also links with the Non-Government Organisations in European countries, who provide funds through their own cover and also through friendly organisations. Some of the terrorist organisatons are also maintaining Bank Accounts in foreign countries. A close watch is being kept on the activities of the terrorist organisations. Government has also declared certain organisations like National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN), United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) as "Unlawful Associations".

Recovery of fake drugs in Delhi

327. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police have recovered huge quantum of fake drugs from the Capital's wholesale market i.e., Bhagirath Place (Chandni Chowk);

(b) if so, the *modus operandi* of the racket;

(c) the number of persons arrested in this connectin; and

(d) the further action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c)· Yes, Sir. Fake drugs were seized by Delhi Police from Bhagirath Place twice during the year 2001. Ten persons were arrested in conncetion with these two cases. The *modus operandi* of the accused persons in the first case was to ascertain the batch number of the medicine manufactured by the reputed drug companies and thereafter manufacture similar looking spurious drugs before packaging the same in identical packs at automatic plants. These spurious medicines were later supplied to places like Delhi, Meerut, Varanasi and Patna. In the second case the accused persons were authorised stockists of drugs who used to mix the spurious drugs alongwith the original before their distribution to the retailers.

(d) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to keep a watch on the activities of spurious drug dealers. The police personnel are always on the lookout to collect intelligence about such activities and find out the source of supply of such drugs.

ISI attempt to eliminate Tehelka Chief Executive

328. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an attempt was made by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence to eliminate the Chief Executive and Managing Director of the Portal of tehelka.com Mr. Tarun Tejpal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any arrest has been made in this connection and if so, the details thereof including the status of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A conspiracy involving Pak ISI to eliminate Sh. Tarun Tejpal was unearthed with the arrest of six dreaded criminals on 5th May,